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Office Action Summary

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 August 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-10, 13, 14, 16-21 and 23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-10, 13, 14, 16-21 and 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

- Claims 1-3, 5-10 and 13-14, 16-21 and 23.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-3, 5-10 and 13-14, 16-21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brett et al US. PUB. (6023685) in view of Steele et al US PUB (20020046084).

As per claims 1, 5, 9, 17 and 21 Brett teaches et al teach a method (abstract), comprising:

sending a request for information from an interactive device (Fig. 1, terminals 14) to a first server (Fig. 1, 12);

at said first server (fig. 1, 12), using information from said

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request to query an information (col. 7, lines 51-67);
receiving results from querying said source of information col.
7, lines 51-67); using variable information from said results
without using formatting information from said results, to form
raw information (col. 8, lines 37-64);
storing at least one template, where the template includes a
form that includes non variable textual information that stays
constant every time said template is used, and open portions for
said variable information that changes based on said results
received from said source of information (col. 10, lines 23-40
and figs 10-11), where said non variable information contains a
textual description associated with said variable information,
and wherein said template includes an arrangement that arranges
said non variable information and said variable information;
using said raw information to fill in said open portions on said
template (col. 10, lines 23-40 and figs 10-11. See also figs 5a
to 7); and
displaying said template, with said information filled therein,
on said interactive device (col. 10, lines 23-40 and figs 5 to
6).

Although Brett shows substantial features of the claimed
invention, he does not explicitly show querying a source of

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information within a second Internet based server. Nonetheless, this feature is well known in the art and would have been an obvious modification of the system disclosed by Brett, as evidenced by Steele et al USPN. (20020046084).

In analogous art, Steele et al whose invention is about a configurable multimedia information system that supports electronic commerce, disclose querying a source of information within a second Internet based server [page 9, paragraphs 0129-0134]. Giving the teaching of Steele et al, a person of ordinary skill in the art would have readily recognized the desirability and the advantage of modifying Brett by employing the system of Steele et al in order to provide users beneficial up-to-date information that is consistent with their preference of services and products.

As per claim 2, 7 and 16, Brett teaches the method as in claim 1, wherein said sending comprises sending one of multiple different kinds of requests to said first server, each different kind of request operative to request a different type of information, said storing stores multiple different templates, and said using comprises selecting one of said templates that corresponds to one of said kinds of requests, and using said one of said templates for displaying said results (abstract; col. 10, lines 23-40 and figs 10-11. See also figs 5a to 7).

As per claim 3 Brett teaches the method as in claim 1, wherein said using variable portions comprises changing said information from an HTML format into a text format (col. 7 lines 39-58 and col. 10, lines 23-40).

As per claim 5, Brett teaches method as in claim 2, further comprising sending a request from said first server to said interactive device, requesting said interactive device to identify more information about a specific query to be made to said request to query a publicly accessible source of information, wherein said interactive device also stores personal information associated with a user of the interactive device, and wherein said sending comprises sending a request for

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information which includes some of said personal information (col. 7 lines 39-58 and col. 10, lines 23-40).

As per claim 6 and 18, Brett teaches method as in claim 5, wherein said personal information which is sent includes logon information and a password (col. 6, lines 50-65).

As per claim 7, Brett teaches method as in claim 2, wherein said kind of information is an indication to purchase a product, and said template is a template to obtain variables to allow purchase of the product (col. 6, lines 29-65)

4. Claims 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brett in view of Rajan et al USPN (6633910).

As per claim 9, Chen et al teach a method comprising:

sending a request for information from an interactive device (Fig. 1, 214) to a first recipient (Fig. 1, 100) and Page 1, paragraphs 0009-0014];

at said first recipient, using information from said request to query publicly accessible source information sending a request for information from an interactive device [Page 1, paragraphs 0009-0014];

receiving results from querying said source of information [Page 1, paragraphs 0011-0014];

Reformatting said result into a new form to said interactive device [page1, paragraphs 0010-0014 and page 4, paragraphs 0047-0058];

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wherein said reformatting said information comprises assembling a message which includes some, but not all, of the information received from said publicly accessible source of information [page1, paragraphs 0010-0014 and page 4, paragraphs 0047-0059. see also paragraphs 0071-0076].

Although Brett and Steele et al shows substantial features of the claimed invention, they do not explicitly Bank balance stored in a prestored template. Nonetheless, this feature is well known in the art and would have been an obvious modification of the system disclosed by Brett and Steele et al, as evidenced by Rajan et al (6633910). In analogous art, Rajan et al whose invention is about a system that allows virtually any Internet-based data to be accessed, restructured and then transmitted to wide variety of network-capable appliances, discloses a unique capability of restructuring data and converting it from one format to a format specific to applications executable on a receiving device where an algorithm is employed that can take information from provided input data-templates and restructure the information to fit pre-designed and associated output data-templates that is stored in a storage facility for requesting user[col. 7, lines 56-64 and col. 8, lines 55-65]. Giving the teaching of Rajan et al, a person of ordinary skill in the art would have readily

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recognized the desirability and the advantage of modifying Brett and Steele et al by employing the system of Rajan et al in order to facilitate the format in which requested data is expected to be found and to enhance the support of different formats and applications.

As per claim 10, Brett and Steele et al teach a method as in claim 2, wherein said reformatting comprises reformatting said information into an XML form [Page 4, paragraphs 0054].

As per claim 8, Rajan et al teach the invention, wherein said source information indicates a user's bank balance [Col. 13, lines 44-63 and col. 15, lines 50 and 62].

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yasin Barqadle whose telephone number is 571-272-3947. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

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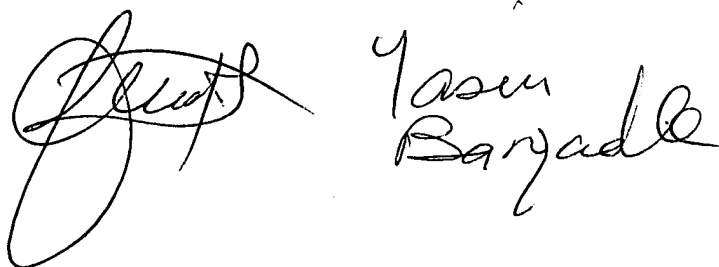
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Burgess can be reached on 571-272-3949. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306 for regular communications and 703-746-7238 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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